following particulars:—The borehole is, roughly speaking, rather over 100 yards from the margin of the ocean, and about 165 yards from that of the lagoon; it is about 240 yards from the spot where a sounding of 10 fathoms was obtained, nearly 400 yards from a 36-fathom sounding, and rather more than a quarter of a mile from one of 130 fathoms. After this the submarine slope, for a considerable depth, is not quite so steep. He also states that, at Funafuti, the vigorous growing portion of the reef appeared to be limited to within about 40 feet of the surface.

It would be premature, as Professor David remarks, to express an opinion as to the theoretical bearing of these results until the core has been thoroughly studied. But two things seem clear, (1) that true reef has been pierced at depths down to more than 600 feet, and (2) that throughout the whole of the time represented by the mass which has now been tested, coral must have grown in great abundance in some part or other of the locality now represented by Funafuti; for the atoll, it must be remembered, is surrounded by water about 2,000 fathoms deep, what would completely isolate it from any other coralliferous locality.

November 30, 1897.

Anniversary Meeting.

The LORD LISTER, F.R.C.S., D.C.L., President, in the Chair.

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The Account of the Appropriation of the Donation Fund and of the Government Grant will also be found in the 'Year-book.'